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I was not really involved in it first time it was tried other than I supported it, but Johnny Whisenale was the Chairman and he was also chairman of pushing the election and I suppose that's what happened was we were in the high interest rate period. The economy was not very good, there was not enough education done on the value of the junior college. And so it didn't pass. It wasn't bad, it didn't pass and of course we were disappointed at that time. My thought has always been that the need in the beginning was to retrain our own workers because like the computer, my secretary never used one except to do the payroll. And now I'm trying to learn. Anyway, this is my memory of it. Wayne Hendrick came to me and said we really need that junior college and so we got together and we planned a meeting here in Plano. And I invited all the people he wanted plus some that I wanted too. We held that meeting, and it was a go situation at that time. They were ready here in Plano because hi-tech, everything here was ready and saw a need to training people in computing and in other ways too.

So that meeting was held and they asked me to spread it over the county. So we invited the people from Farmersville, Blue Ridge, Princeton, McKinney, Wylie, all the towns around the county. And I held and planned a meal for all of them at the County Club in McKinney – we met there in that large room – it's a new country club but it's the old building before it burned. And it seemed that there was terrific support among the group. So then we elected Dave a chairman of the campaign to get the thing going. So then we elected Dave as chairman of the campaign to get the thing going. Now he may have had a co-chair, don't remember if it was Carey Cox, but it would be the thing to do to have one here, one in McKinney and some sub-chairmen out in the county. I remember that Dave and Ginney both worked very hard and this time it passed. And they elected a board, they elected you and it's been a success all the way. And it does fill the need that I saw a long time ago. I know men my age who have taken courses on the computer out at the college and they're enjoying it, and then of course, it's been a good cultural thing. It's been good

that sports can be carried on in this community. The son of this fellow that works on my farm goes to Collin County Community College and I doubt that he could go, I doubt that he would go to another college. So now he is finished at least two years and maybe some more courses. And he wants to be a fireman, so he's been accepted through the fire training program

REFLECTING

I think you know, Davis my boy, and I remember the work he did but I also remember that he and Mauve Jenney, and that probably was the beginning of the first time that they worked politically together. And later they were in charge of the bond issue for the city and it passed after a failure or two. So we're very proud of that. I remember when Glenn Justice went on the board, I remember when when Tino went on the board and I can't think of two better people. Glenn is funny and it's a dry wit. He's had a background that a lot of folks haven't had, having been in the mortgage business for thirty to forty years. I remember when he had to store his loans some other place but then he came right back. He's done real well, there's always a story. But Tino came to me and wanted to buy that restaurant and I had to make it. He always remembers that and says I did him a favor, but the truth is he did me a favor – he had a loan, the payments were behind, we couldn't get the payments made. Tino came through and never missed a payment.

-COMPUTER GIFT CONVERSATION-

HISTORY

No disappointment. I, of course, would have been happier if the Central thing had been in Plano, but then that was just me. I've been in Plano all the way, fifty-five years and then. But I think it was handled real well. I think that we were meeting the needs of a tremendously growing area. I really haven't had any disappointment. I've been happy with the board members, the exchange of students from Mexico that Tino had promoted was great. Everything I know about it's been good. I wish I could remember the group of men that assembled that first day and then the group of men that assembled in McKinney

because that's how it really got it's push and then course the guys in trucks took over. All we did was make possible the meeting place, the meals and I don't think we had any opposition at all. Oh, there was some opposition out there, but not in the group we put together. But you've got to know though, we put together what we thought were the leaders of each community and generally those out front are pro – pros to the cons.